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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Wayland Mullins

TAYLOR MEN INDICTED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Wayland Mullins, 37 years was indicted by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of Conspiracy Against Rights, Interference with Housing Rights, Use of Fire in the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Wan J. Kim the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, and Daniel D. Roberts, FBI Special Agent in Charge

The indictment alleges that Richardson, Mullins, and others both known and unknown to the grand jury committed several violations of federal law. The crimes alleged surround the July 28, 2002, racially motivated arson of an African-American family's home in Taylor.

“By this Indictment, our community is saying that, in this country, every American should be able to live where they want without threats, intimidation, or violence. Although only a charge, this is a hate crime, and we take such crimes extremely seriously in this district. Anyone who commits racially motivated violence will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” U.S. Attorney Murphy said.

Wan J. Kim, the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, stated, "racially motivated crimes designed to intimidate people from living peacefully in their homes strike at the heart of our most cherished ideals of equality in this nation. Such acts cannot and will not be tolerated. Those charged in this indictment and any others who committed acts of racial violence, or assisted in these crimes, will be vigorously prosecuted."

Daniel D. Roberts, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, advised "Civil rights matters are a high priority with the FBI and we will continue to aggressively investigate are civil rights matters brought to our attention."

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy, commended the work of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted the investigation. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Hurley and Michael Khoury, from the Criminal Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.